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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL .....£2,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL .....£500,000.

### LONDON:

Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street,  
West End Office.....25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN  
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,  
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,  
Issues Letters of CREDIT, forwards BILLS of  
COIN, and Transacts Banking and  
Agency business generally, on terms to be had  
on application.

E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital.....£500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

### Court of Directors:—

D. Gillies, Esq.,  
Chun Kit Shan, Esq.,  
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,

Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:—

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,  
Palmer & Co.  
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery &  
Co.  
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Halifax.  
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

### Bankers:—

London: The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)  
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

### SHANGHAI.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Hs. Ex. Hsi. P. Yuen. | Lin Kwan Keng, Esq.,  
Ma Kie Tchung, Esq., | Chu Ming Siang, Esq.,  
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.,  
C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

### AMOV:—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money  
received on Deposit—Drafts issued—Bills  
purchased and collected. Advances made on  
Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual  
Bank Agency business undertaken.  
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS " " " " " "  
For Rates of Interest for other periods, apply  
to the Manager.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1892.

## Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or  
at death if previous—may be secured by  
a payment at the rate of—

£ 7 7 6 (per quarter if commenced at age  
(a. b.)  
£ 8 14 2 .....20  
£ 10 14 2 .....25  
£ 13 4 10 .....30  
£ 17 15 8 .....35  
£ 27 13 6 .....40  
£ 37 13 6 .....45

AFTER the Policy has been three years in  
force—the Policy-holder will be entitled  
to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy  
for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured,  
as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to  
discontinue payment of premiums.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.  
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### SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.  
Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by the local Office.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,  
Agents,  
No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1891.

### NOTICE.

### THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Ports of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
Secretary.

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 500,000.....\$433,333.33  
RESERVE FUND.....\$314,000.00

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., | LO YUK MOON, Esq.,  
LOU TAO SEU, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO ANEL

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

## Intimations.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the  
Military Authorities that ARTILLERY  
PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries  
at Stonecutters Island from the 7th January  
till the end of the month, between the hours of  
9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, SATURDAYS and  
SUNDAYS excepted.  
The line of fire will be Westerly and South-  
Westerly directions from the Batteries.  
All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are  
cautioned to keep clear of the range.  
By Command,  
W. M. GOODMAN,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1891.

### WANTED.

A CLERK, with a good knowledge of Book-  
keeping, and General Office work.  
Apply with references to  
"ALPHA,"  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1892.

### HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
will be held TO-MORROW, the 29th  
Inst., at 5 p.m. at the Hongkong Hotel.  
A SPOON COMPETITION will take place  
on SATURDAY, 30th Inst., at 3.15 p.m.  
Ranges 200 and 300. Any position.

ED. ROBINSON,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.

### FOUND.

A SMALL WHITE TOY DOG, with light  
brown ear marks. Wore red collar.  
Particulars on application to  
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.  
Hongkong, 27th January, 1892.

### LOST.

A SMALL Black-and-Tan Terrier bitch,  
answers to name of "VIC." Please  
communicate with the Undersigned. Reward  
if required.

JOHN J. FRANCIS,  
Bank Buildings.

### LOST.

FROM Peter's Hill, a FOX TERRIER  
DOG PUPPY.  
The Finder will oblige by returning it to the  
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" Office.  
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

### THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CHINA  
AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COM-  
PANY, LIMITED, intend to exercise the lien  
conferred on them by their Articles of Association  
with respect to Shares Nos. 1476/1485,  
70 Old Shares; and Nos. 1041/1065, 1044/1053,  
and 3568/3588, 56 New Shares; and that pur-  
chasers of them will take the same subject to  
such lien and its consequences.

SHEWAN & Co.,  
General Managers.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1892.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty-first Ordinary Half-yearly  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the  
Company will be held at the Office of the Com-  
pany, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road  
Central, TO-MORROW, the 29th Inst., at 12  
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a  
Report of the Directors, together with a State-  
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and  
electing Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 16th to 25th inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1892.

### THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG, INCORPORATED.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE First Annual General Meeting of the  
MEMBERS of this INSTITUTION will be  
held at the Rooms, No. 16, Praya Central, on  
the Evening of SATURDAY, the 30th  
January, 1892, at 9 o'clock p.m., to receive and  
pass the Report and Statement of Accounts for  
the year ended December 31st, 1891.

W. H. WALKER,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1892.

### THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WARE AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary Annual MEETING  
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above  
Company will be held at the Company's  
Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock  
(Noon), on SATURDAY, the 6th February next,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors with a Statement of Accounts to 31st  
December, 1891.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 28th to 5th February,  
both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

### THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of  
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-  
pany will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3,  
Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on MON-  
DAY, the 15th February, 1892, at 4 o'clock p.m.,  
for the purpose of presenting the Report of the  
Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th  
November last.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th February,  
1892, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
E. W. MAITLAND,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1892.

## Intimations.

### W. B. BREWER

HAS JUST RECEIVED

#### A PERFECT PIPE TOBACCO—

"Captain" Navy Cut.  
A Coarse Cut, cool smoking, and  
most fragrant Tobacco.  
Gold-Leaf Honey Dew.

#### Three Castles.

Sweet Caporal Cigarettes.  
Straight Cut Cigarettes.  
Latest English Cigarettes.  
Full Dress Cigarettes.

W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1892.

### ROBERT LANG & CO.

#### DRESS SUITS.

NEWEST MATERIALS, FROM \$30, SILK LINED.  
A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEEDS AND OTHER SUITINGS.  
EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, latest style.  
EVENING DRESS TIES AND GLOVES.  
EVENING DRESS 1 HOSE, SILK, THREAD, and MERINO.  
EVENING DRESS SHOES AND PUMPS.

### CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
AND

Commission Agents.

#### WINTER REQUISITES.

CRUICKSHANK'S Cough Balm.  
Do. Balmatic Cough Lozenges.  
Do. Cod Liver Oil Emulsion.  
Do. Chlorate of Potash Tablets.  
CHEST PROTECTORS, Single and Double, INHALERS, GODFREY'S, COGILL'S, &c., &c.  
CORK MATS, for use in Bathroom. HOT WATER BOTTLES, &c., &c.

### W. POWELL & CO.

BLANKETS,  
BLANKETS,  
BLANKETS.

TRAVELLING REQUISITES,  
PORTMANTEAUX, OVERLAND TRUNKS, GLADSTONE BAGS, &c., &c.

### W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1892.

### CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.  
AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.  
SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.  
SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS and AMMUNITION.  
POURPOISE—IDE. DARK TANNED RUBBER—LATHER & ENGLISH-CAFF BOOTS & SHOES.  
SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING.  
SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

### CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.

15, Praya Central, Hongkong.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

#### SADDLERY.

BUCKSKIN RACE SADDLES,  
Hack Saddles,  
Saddle Cloths, Weight Cloths, Pony Clothing.  
PONY HARNESS.  
Surcingle, Girths, Rollers, Stirrup Leathers,  
Stirrup Webs, Headstalls, Cruppers, Martingales,  
Stable Brushes and Rests of all kinds.  
Riding Boots, Jockey Boots, Top, Boot-top, English Liquid, Saddle Soap, Brown Leather Dressing.  
Orders for Riding Breeches and Racing Colours should be sent in at once.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

### KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST PUBLISHED—PRICE TO SUBSCRIBERS \$25.

#### CHINESE-ENGLISH DICTIONARY

By HERBERT A. GILES, H.B.M. Consul at Nippon.

N.B.—The principal features of this Dictionary are as follows:—  
(1)—Syllabic arrangement according to the romanisation of Sir Thomas Wade, Peking tones (with  
Entering tone indicated), phonetic grouping, etc., etc.  
(2)—By far the most extensive collection hitherto published of Chinese phraseology, illustrative of  
idioms, classical and colloquial, as well as of historical and mythological references and  
allusions, in which the author has been largely assisted by Mr. L. C. Hopkins, of H.B.M.  
Consular Service.  
(3)—The pronunciation of each character in also dialects (and also in Japanese, Korean, and  
Annamese), romanised under a uniform system of orthography by Mr. E. H. Parker, H.B.M.  
Consul at Hoihow.  
(4)—Newly-compiled Tables, dynastic, geographical, and calendaric complete list of surnames,  
etc., etc., specially prepared by Mr. G. M. H. Playfair, H.B.M. Vice-Consul at Shanghai.  
Part I, consisting of p p 1-500 Royal 4to is now ready and will be delivered to Subscribers.  
THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST WILL CLOSE JANUARY 31st, AFTER WHICH  
DATE THE PRICE WILL BE RAISED TO \$35 00.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

### MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

Telegrams "MOUTRIE" Hongkong. (UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL). Established 1876.

PIANOS and ORGANS for cash at HOME PRICES or on the MONTHLY PAYMENT

SYSTEM—Second Hand Instruments from \$150.

REPAIRING DEPARTMENT.—We have special facilities for all kinds of repairs and we

guarantee all our work to be equal to any done at home. Estimates free.

### MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

HONGKONG.

(And at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

Hongkong, 20th January, 1892.

## Intimations.

### CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION. No. 43.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS  
will be observed at this Office, and the  
Kowloon Customs Stations, from the 29th of the  
1st moon to the 6th day of the 2nd moon, at  
8 a.m., (29th January to 4th February), and  
during that period all Shipment, Discharge, and  
Examination of Cargo will be suspended.

J. MCLEAVY BROWN,  
Commissioner of Customs  
for Kowloon & District.  
Custom House,  
Kowloon, 20th January, 1892.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875  
the Undersigned BANKS will be  
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business  
on SATURDAY next, the 30th Inst.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA,  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION  
LIMITED,  
E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

For the COMPTON NATIONAL DISCOUNT  
DE PARIS,  
L. GLENAT,  
Acting Agent.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE  
STRATTS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,  
DE WESTLEY LAYTON,  
Secretary.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1892.

### NOTICE.

THE Master and Agents of the Steamship  
"TEVIOT" will not be RESPONSIBLE for  
any DEBTS contracted by the Officers or Crew  
during the vessel's stay in this Port.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1892.

### G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANU-  
FACTURERS and JEWELLERS.  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.  
CHARTS and BOOKS.  
No. 4, Queen's Road Central.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction,  
TO-MORROW,  
the 29th January, 1892, at 2.30 p.m., at their  
Sales Rooms, No. 3, Wyndham Street,  
THE WELL-KNOWN YACHT  
"COLLEEN BAWN."

As she now lies in the Godown  
Co.'s Wharf, Kowloon.  
Dimensions—  
Length over all.....32' 6"  
Beam.....7' 8"  
Depth.....3 ft.  
With Ballast and a complete Sulk of Sails  
(new).  
All defects and errors of description at Pur-  
chaser's risk on fall of hammer.  
Terms—Cash before delivery.

GORDON & Co.,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction, on  
WEDNESDAY,  
the 2nd February, 1892, at 2.30 p.m.,  
at their SALES ROOMS No. 3, Wyndham Street,  
THE SCHOONER "MONTIARA,"  
AS SHE NOW LIES IN YAU-MAT-BAY.

Length.....75 feet.  
Beam.....17 feet.  
Depth of hold.....7 1/2 feet.  
Registered Tonnage.....75 tons.  
(Owing to recent alterations the carrying  
capacity of the Montiarra has been increased to  
about 100 tons dead weight.)  
(The Montiarra was built in Singapore, and is  
most solidly constructed of teak throughout, with  
European superintendence, fastened throughout  
with 7 galvanised spikes, and newly re-coppered.  
Draft of water about 7 feet.)

THE ENGINES and BOILER OF THE  
CHINESE GUNBOAT "CHOP-CHUNG,"  
WHICH WAS LOST AT ABERDEEN DOCK,  
were constructed by Messrs. INGLIS & Co., of  
Warrick, and are of the Compound Inverted  
Cylinder Direct-Acting Surface Condensing type,  
cylinders 20" and 38" dia., with a stroke of 24".  
The Crank Shaft is 9" dia. at the Crank pin and  
7" dia. at the journals. The H.P. Piston Rod is  
3" and the L.P. 3 1/2" dia. The Piston and Con-  
necting Rod bolts are 2" dia. Air Pump 1 1/2"  
dia. by 13 stroke. Single Acting Circulating  
Pump 8" dia. by 13" stroke, and Double Acting  
Feed and Budge Pump (one each) 3" dia. by 13"  
stroke.

These Engines have been very little used and  
are in thoroughly good order.  
The Boiler is of the Horizontal Multitubular  
type, with three Furnaces and vertical Dome on  
top. Its dia. is 10ft. 3" by 9ft. 10" long, external  
measurements; Furnaces, 2ft. 7" dia.; Dome,  
4 1/2" dia. by 4ft. high; Tubes, 1 1/2" in number by  
3" ext. dia. It is in fairly good condition, having  
recently undergone considerable repairs; and  
would last in active service for over ten years.  
All defects and errors of description at pur-  
chaser's risk.

The Engines and Boiler can be inspected on  
application to the Superintendent at Aberdeen  
Dock.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery.

GORDON & Co.,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1892.

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND  
CALCUTTA.

#### THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING."

Captain J. G. Spencer, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on SATURDAY, the 30th Inst.,  
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1892.

#### "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL,  
CALLING AT MANILA.

#### THE Steamship

"GHAAZEE."

Scotland, commander, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on MONDAY, the 1st February,  
at 5 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1892.

#### "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA,  
VIA INLAND SEA.

#### THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE."

Captain F. Davies, will be despatched as above  
on FRIDAY, the 5th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th January 1892.

#### "UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.



## Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
LIMITED,  
CHEMISTS, &c.  
COD LIVER OIL JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 50 per cent of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all fishy taste and flavour is entirely covered.

## COD LIVER OIL 'GENUINE' NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy livers only, in its manufacture, and as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are able to guarantee it 'Genuine'.

## COD LIVER OIL-EMULSION.

A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.

## COD LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES (Lime and Soda).

A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.

## BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE.

For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Throat, &c.

## BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.

A never failing remedy for Coughs.

## In bottles, 50 Cents and \$1.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LD.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

## AMERICAN CHEROOTS.

These CHEROOTS, made from a fine selected quality of PENNSYLVANIAN TOBACCO LEAF, are mild, well matured, of excellent flavour, and will be found equal to Havana.

They are meeting with much favour in the Colony as an agreeable change from the usual Manila Cigar, and we confidently recommend them to the notice of Smokers.

PRICE \$5.50 per Box of 250.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

PORTS, SHERRIES, CLARETS, BRANDY, SCOTCH WHISKY, IRISH WHISKY, BOURBON WHISKY, GIN and RUM. Our favourite and well-known Brands of the above are bought direct from the most noted shippers, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices. We shall be pleased to furnish full particulars and price lists on application.

## CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lb each.....\$1.50  
do Bags do 25 lb do.....\$4.00  
Directions for use are given on the label.

## RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS" LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest Machines in the market, for sale at manufacturers' prices.

## LAWN GRASS SEED. SWEET CORN SEED.

A fresh supply of the above just received.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

## BIRTHS.

On the 20th January, at No. 6, Ningpo Road, Shanghai, the wife of T. E. TRUMAN, of a daughter.

On the 20th January, at No. 6, Hongkong Road, Shanghai, the wife of JAMES ADAMS BALLARD, of a son.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1892.

## THE "NAMCHOW" INQUIRY.

THE Marine Court of Inquiry into the loss of the *Namchow* concluded its investigations this morning, and we publish the finding in another column. The amount of valuable information conveyed therein is simply appalling. It is officially recorded that "the *Namchow* was a British vessel"—strange, but true—that "she foundered near Cupchi"—which is startling news—that "the survivors were saved"—fancy that!—and those who didn't survive were not saved. That is the whole result of the official inquiry, the product of the combined genius of a retired commander of the Royal Navy, three master mariners, and a navigating lieutenant of the Navy. And these brilliant lights were so proud of their achievement and so full of the consciousness that they had done everything necessary, that they refused to make public the report of Captain Burr—possibly because by contrast it would have made their own finding look so foolish.

What more could they have done? They might in the first place have called some witnesses. The ship's commander,

or *chinchew*, was in the Colony long enough to have been subpoenaed; the captain and crew of the *Musfoo* are in port to-day, and even if they had been away, the Court could have adjourned to secure their attendance; the *Namchow's* late chief officer has been in the Colony for a long time, and much other evidence could have been obtained. The Court could and should have ascertained all about the condition of the vessel.

—Mr. Ellis, the officer above mentioned, could have spoken to that; he might have said what made him refuse to sail in her; he could certainly have said a great deal as to her capabilities. Further, he could have been asked about his shipmates, the captain, officers, and engineers, about whom there are many unpleasant rumours but absolutely no evidence. He could have told whether the *Namchow* had ever before been unmanageable while he was on board, or whether anything had ever occurred within his knowledge which might throw light on this mysterious calamity. Surely he would have been an important witness! Why was he not called? Not because the authorities were not aware of his existence, for we have reason to know that communications did pass between him and them in this matter. Who, then, is to blame for his absence? Commander Hastings is usually such a careful and efficient officer that it is hard to believe he is at fault here; but somebody has been guilty of gross negligence. Again, why were the survivors of the *Namchow* allowed to go away? "Because they were not British subjects" is the official whimper, "and could only be subpoenaed through the Colonial Secretary and the Chinese authorities."

Well, what of that? The men could have been called, no matter how—a mere explanation of detail is not what the public wants. The public knows that every man who ought to have been called was not called; that the most valuable evidence in the whole case was ignored, was thrown away, simply because the formula to be gone through to secure his attendance varied slightly from the common formula. On this ground only, the commander was let slip, and a second-hand hash-up of his narrative, not taken on oath, was read out in part only, and then buried for ever, lest the public should know what had been missed.

Captain Lunt, of the *Musfoo*, was not called; and the reason—no, not a reason, but a frivolous quibble—put forward to excuse this omission, was the same as in the other case—"he is not a British subject." He is an American, and we have the honour to inform the Naval authorities that Hongkong is blessed with the presence of a Consul for the United States, who is more obliging and more intelligent than some of our Naval bigwigs. Captain Lunt and the whole ship's company of the *Musfoo* could have been before the Court; they could have explained how it was that the shipwrecked Chinese from the *Namchow* saw the *Musfoo*, and saw her so near that they expected she would pick them up. Captain Lunt might have been confronted with these Chinese whose story is that he never stopped his ship nor went near them, and that dozens of people were floating in the water at the time. In fairness to himself he ought to have been called; for at present he stands accused by the public of deliberately 'keeping full speed on his course when by slowing down and looking about him he could have seen and saved dozens—perhaps hundreds—of human beings. He stands charged by the survivors with a deliberate lie in his official log; for he there records that nothing was to be seen of floating wrecks, or men, or boats, or junks, or anything; whereas they say they saw his ship, at a time when many junks were about, when a boat with 37 people in it was only a mile away, when a large number of people were still floating in the water, and were not picked up until afterwards by the junks. Until Captain Lunt has an opportunity of speaking, it is not fair to believe the Chinese implicitly; but in the face of their statement, it is imperative that he be afforded an opportunity to clear himself; and he ought to have been subpoenaed. Further, as the disaster seems to have been caused by some defect in the engines, evidence should have been called to show who was responsible—the ship's engineer, or the Government surveyor who passed her, or the owners or commander who had power to order repairs, or the captain—somebody must have committed an error, or the ship would not have gone down in the way she did.

These are a few of the things the Court of Inquiry did not do. Seafaring men will doubtless know of many other things that might have been done. Why not? Primarily, because the supreme authorities did not choose to take the trouble. "Not more than 491" souls were gone; not more, says the finding; so it didn't matter. Perhaps if it had been four thousand, or if a British Admiral had been

drowned, it might have created some sort of languid interest; but "not more than 491" was not worth bothering about. So no witnesses were subpoenaed at all. The gentlemen constituting the Court could do little, and that little they did not do. The naval lieutenant could hardly be expected to know much of anything concerning a coasting steamer; but the three master mariners ought to have used their professional knowledge, and ought to have insisted on some rational and useful action. They should never have allowed such a futile and ridiculously lame finding to have gone forth to the world over their signatures. And the President, what of him? He is a capable man, truly; but his time is fully occupied in routine work, and he can only suppose that when he has extra business of this kind he is anxious to get rid of it as quickly as possible. The whole inquiry seems to have been scamped, and we want the blame for such a farcical business placed on the right shoulders.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE LATE PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR.

LONDON, January 16th.

The Court has gone into mourning for six weeks; the public mourning will be three weeks.

## THE WALSH AFFAIR.

The Anarchist arrested at Walsh had been remanded; the investigation shows a widespread conspiracy in various parts of England and abroad.

## HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRIEVANCE.

The Times publishes a letter from the Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce detailing certain grievances against Sir John Walsingham, Her Majesty's Minister at Peking, and asking the assistance of the Times with a view to the same being redressed.

## PORTUGAL'S FINANCES.

January 25th.

The project to relieve Portugal from her present financial embarrassments by the sale of her Colonies is gaining in general favour, but is opposed by the Cortes.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CHICAGO'S new daily paper, the *Press*, will be printed on presses driven by electricity.

A TELEGRAM was received in Shanghai on the 20th inst., to the effect that the Viceroy Li Hong-chang had entirely recovered from his recent illness.

EIGHTEEN hundred pounds of gold are used every year for filling teeth in the United States.

More than half a million dollars are lost as effectively as if it were dropped into the ocean.

A REGULAR Convocation of Victoria Chapter, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

It is notified that should the English mail arrive here on Saturday (Chinese New Year's Day) the Post Office will be opened for delivery for one hour only, but the Money Order Office will be closed throughout the entire day.

The steamer *Alvina* left Shanghai on the night of the 20th inst., with pumps and other gear, for the wreck of the German steamer *Maria*. Messrs. Fyle and Reeves went in her on behalf of Messrs. S. C. Farnham & Co.

"CITIZENS" said the anarchist, "I hereby invite you to drink to the future, which cannot fail to arrive (prolonged cheering) and to the abolition of the past, which will never come back again." (Shouts of "bravo!" violent stamping and clapping of hands.)

THE *Peking Gazette* of December 18th announces that Chang-li, Junior Vice-President of the Board of Revenue and formerly Hongkong at Canton, has been appointed Minister of the Treasury at Peking.

IN Training—"I believe that boy is training himself to be a policeman," said the woman who keeps the app. stand at the corner of Broadway, New York. "What makes you think so?" asked her friend. "Because he looks as if he were every time he passes."

THE French baker is not only required to conform to laws regarding weight, but he is also told at what price he must sell his bread. He is further required to deposit a certain sum of money in the hands of the municipal authorities as a security of good behaviour.

THE American Baptist Missionary Union have recently commenced work with two Japanese evangelists in the Loehoo Islands. There will be very few spots on earth before long where the ubiquitous missionary has not pitched his tent, prepared to 'hold the fort' against all comers.

BEFORE the century closes, the United States' national debt will have been extinguished. In 1890 it was \$2,485,000,000, and in 1891 it was \$2,088,000,000. The per capita debt of the United States is less than that of any other nation—\$28. It is \$218 in France, and \$100 in Great Britain.

We are reliably informed that the acceptance of the tender for the Macao Opium Farm, which caused so much just indignation recently, has been practically cancelled by the authorities at Lisbon, and that there is, therefore, every prospect of a call for fresh tenders at an early date. This is possibly due to the fact that Consuelo Ferreira Amaral has been appointed Secretary of State for the Portuguese Colonies.

THE first annual general meeting of the shareholders of Carmichael & Co., Limited, was held at the Company's office, 18 Praya Central, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A very satisfactory report and statement of accounts was submitted and passed. The Company's authorized dividend of 10 per cent was declared, and the rejection of—and a vote of thanks to—the managing officers terminated the proceedings.

At the Regular Convocation of the "United" Chapter, No. 1341, E.C., held on the 27th instant, the following companions were elected as office bearers for the ensuing year:—

G. J. W. King.....M.E.

J. L. King.....Treasurer.

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At the Magistrate to-day a Mandarin named Yang Shih was charged with theft of \$10,000 in money, and pleaded guilty. He alleged, he alone had access to the money, the prosecutor. The case was remanded a week.

THE Chinese paper *Shin-pao* describes the notorious Mason, late of the Imperial Maritime Customs and agent in Hongkong of the Kellogg Society, as a "foreign conspirator." "Chuckle-headed miscompoop" would have been a more accurate description of this mad-brained lunatic.

THE flags of all the men-of-war and mail steamers in port were flying at half-mast to-day owing to the death of the Grand Duke Constantine Nicolaevitch, tidings of which were received here yesterday by Rear-Admiral Tyrroff. The Grand Duke was the uncle of the Emperor of Russia.

It appears that the three commonest surnames in England and Wales are Smith, Jones, and Williams. The number of persons owing each of these names are about:—

Smith.....254,000

Jones.....219,000

Williams.....160,000

THE annual report of the Hongkong Rifle Association which has just been issued sets forth, *inter alia*, that the Treasurer has a balance to the good of \$132.09 and that "unless the Shroophires turn out a keen shooting regiment, the association will have to be conducted on a purely economical basis hereafter." As to individual shooting, the report states that there has been a decided improvement during the past year.

"WHERE ignorance is bliss" twice folly to be wise." Upon the occasion of a birth in Macao recently the happy father was exhibiting his first-born to one of his friends of the Imperial Maritime Customs, when the friend made use of the following original remark—"How many days will it be before his eyes are open?"

"D—n it!" responded the indignant father "Do you take my child for a pup?"

And still the world rolls on.

A man arrested by Detective Hadden yesterday in a deep nullah at Ma Kai Wai, near Mong-kok-tai, was formally charged at the Police Court this morning with taking part in an armed burglary in Kowloon three days ago. The accused would appear to have been running the alarm was raised, and he was evidently left in the nullah and took a leg and an arm. Some of the missing jewellery was found near. The prisoner, who was armed, has been removed to the hospital, and the case stands remanded for a week.

HERE is one of the best known specimens of the late Lord Lytton's facility as a versifier:—  
We may live without poetry, music and art;  
We may live without conscience and live without heart;  
We may live without friends, we may live without books,  
But civilized man cannot live without cooks.

We may live without books—what's knowledge but grieving?  
We may live without hope—what is hope but deceiving?  
We may live without love—what is passion but pining?  
But where is the man that can live without dining?

FROM our advertisement columns it will be seen that Woodley's Circus presents an entirely new programme of attractions to-night, which will be sure to draw. It is rather unfortunate that Chinese New Year weather is always miserable; but even thus handicapped, the popular circus has so far done very good business, and after the holidays will no doubt command a much larger support both from the Chinese and the representatives of the naval and military services.

To-night's programme is an exceptionally strong one, and includes some startling novelties. Victor's "shoulder" perch is a certain score a success, while Miss Moore, and Mr. Schardel's "Olympian Vision," Signor Bysack on the treble bars, Mr. Le's trick-riding, Mr. Dixon on the "bounding jockey," Miss Zula's phenomenal balancing and "slede for life," the clever variety performances of the Japanese, and the amusing whimsicalities of the three clowns, Victor, Pippi, and Cusco, are all certain to meet with public approbation.

IN South Australia they have a cheerful insolvent law. Insolvents who are suspected of having swallowed the silver spoons, or of having buried the cash-box at midnight, or of having defrauded their creditors by a fraudulent preference for their mother-in-law, can be dealt with in three ways. They can be tried by a jury and sentenced up to seven years; or the court can say it is satisfied an offence has been committed, and can sentence to a maximum of three years on the count that it issued an offence has been committed, and can imprison the insolvent until the suspicion fades away from the mind of the court, which may be after the death of the bankrupt. One insolvent has been in prison for three years already under this suspicion clause, and is now nearer having a charge laid against him than he was at the beginning. A private member of the S.A. Parliament has says the *Sydney Bulletin*, brought in a Bill providing that when an insolvent has been in prison upon suspicion for a year, somebody must pay a charge against him or else he must be let loose.

THE Government and the lawyers of the House strongly oppose the Bill.

THE Shanghai *Mercury* on the Hongkong Naval authorities, especially referring to Vice-Admiral Richards' refusal to send a man-of-war in search of the Scottish Oriental Co.'s missing steamer *Somditch Phra Nang*. "After this we can hardly gain a complaint of the indifference of the Chinese authorities to their obligations to protect foreign life and property when they are menaced at the Treaty Ports. If our Naval protectors have such peculiar notions of what is demanded of them we can scarcely expect much consideration from any other quarter. The Naval authorities of Hongkong have incurred an amount of well-deserved odium during late years, and such incidents as their masterly inactivity in the case of the *Namchow* pirates and their disgraceful apathy in the present instance, are not redeemed by their unexpected degree of readiness to protect their property when they are menaced at the Treaty Ports. 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BALANCE SHEET.	
Dec. 31st, 1891. <i>Liabilities.</i>	
Outstanding Accounts	\$ 358.95
Depreciation of Targets, &c.	100.00
Balance	63.14
	\$ 522.09

Dec. 31st, 1891. <i>Assets.</i>	
To Subscriptions unpaid	\$ 100.00
Balance in hand	132.09
Targets &c.	300.00
	\$ 532.09

And dividend found correct,  
ARTHUR CHAPMAN,  
ERNEST SHEPHERD,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Hon. Treasurer.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1892.

### THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The General Managers beg to submit to the Shareholders a Statement of the Company's Accounts for the year 1891.

Including \$505,78 brought forward from last year and after deducting \$10,000 paid on the 10th August last as an Interim Dividend of 8 per cent the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$34,989 which it is recommended should be appropriated as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of 16 per cent, or \$4 per Share (making 24 per cent for the year)	\$10,000
To write off Property Account, 4,500 and to carry forward to next account	489
	\$14,989

The new ammonia compression machine has been at work since April last, and has proved an entire success. All plant and buildings are in good order and repair.

The quantity of ice disposed of was 85 tons less than during the previous year, and there is a reduction in the net earnings from all sources of about \$2,000.

The revenue from the Company's property in Ice House Lane is \$74,44 less than for 1890, the greater part of the premises having been vacant during the year, but arrangements have now been made for their occupancy at satisfactory rentals.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Thomas Arnold, whose re-election is recommended.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong 28th January, 1892.

Assets.	
Property Account	\$10,000.00
Less Amortisation	100.00
Balance	\$9,900.00
Transfer from Reserve	10,000.00
Depreciation A/c.	10,000.00
	\$29,900.00

Extension Account	\$10,000.00
Expenditure during 1891	10,000.00
	\$20,000.00
Invested in Hongkong Fire Insurance Company	\$10,000.00
Share	100.00
Cash in hand	100.00
Prepaid and unexpired	100.00
Outstanding Accounts	100.00
Account Receivable	100.00
Due on hand	100.00
Coal on hand	100.00
	\$20,300.00

Liabilities.	
Capital Account	\$10,000.00
Accounts Payable	100.00
Amortisation Reserve Account	100.00
Profit and Loss Account	100.00
	\$10,300.00

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
To Balance, Wages and General Trade Expenses	\$10,000.00
General Managers' Commission	100.00
Auditor's Fees	100.00
	\$10,200.00
Interim Dividend of 8 per cent, paid August 8th	10,000.00
Balance	10,000.00
	\$20,200.00

By Balance brought forward from last year	\$ 358.95
Receipts for ice during the year	10,000.00
Interest	100.00
Rent received, less Crown Rent and Taxes paid	100.00
Transfer	100.00
	\$20,558.95

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
I have examined the Books, Vouchers and Securities of the Company, and certify that the above Statement is in accordance therewith.  
THOS. ARNOLD,  
Auditor.  
Hongkong, December 31st, 1891.

### LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, December 24th.  
Lord Carrington, in referring to the recent speech by Lord Knutsford, Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the relations between the colonies and the Imperial Government, declares that although Lord Knutsford may be satisfied himself, there must be a change in the policy of the Colonial Office shortly.

The Indian Government have conceded to Great Britain a sum of £4,000 per annum in connection with the transport of the mails via Brindisi.

A dense black fog has prevailed in London for the last three days, during which time no less than twenty deaths from drowning and other accidents have been reported.

CALCUTTA, January 4th.  
The Marchioness of Lansdowne has taken passage for England from Bombay by the mail steamer of the 4th and will be accompanied by Lord Valentia, A.D.C.

TEHRAN, January 4th.  
The agitation against the European tobacco monopoly in Persia continues. A riotous mob assembled to-day before the Shah's Palace, but the soldiers eventually dispersed the rioters, some of whom were killed.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 4th.  
There is a growing discontent amongst the peasants in the famine-stricken districts of Russia. In many parts the Military are obliged to maintain order.

SOFIA, January 4th.  
The Bulgarian Government has sent the Porte a detailed report in connection with the expulsion of the French correspondent from Bulgaria.

The report is couched in moderate language and the Government trusts that France will renew her relations with Bulgaria.

LONDON, January 5th.  
The Times correspondent at Constantinople learns from a trustworthy source, that the Sultan is anxious to conclude arrangements directly with Great Britain, without the intervention of any of the powers, simply ensuring special British interests in Egypt, while preserving the sovereignty of the Sultan.

The Times says that the reports of the Pope's objection to the visit of the Emperor Francis Joseph to Rome are untrue.

Further despatches from Singapore state the Malay rising in Pahang has become general. The British Resident and the Sultan have gone to the scene of the disturbance with 6,000 of Malay.

The death is announced of Sir George Biddell Airy, late Astronomer Royal.

MADRAS, January 5th.  
A novelty for the next Burns' Anniversary is being arranged here in the shape of a Scotch concert.

Though there is at present no serious distress in the Mysore Province, a famine must inevitably ensue if the drought is prolonged over next monsoon.

LONDON, January 6th.  
The Chief Inspector of Explosives reports that the bomb which exploded in Dublin Castle, is identical with those made by the Fenians of the dynamite school in New York. The Government has decided to institute a sworn private inquiry into the outrage before the Dublin Magistrate, as there is now no doubt that the explosion was the outcome of a devilish plot.

Regarding the reported desire of the Sultan to conclude an arrangement with Great Britain as to the Egyptian question, it is understood that no negotiations are actually proceeding between Egypt and Turkey.

Serious complications have arisen in Morocco, and it is feared that the existing jealousy between England, France and Spain is increasing. The bill tribes have revolted against the Governor of Tangier, and British, French and Spanish warships have been sent there to protect their respective subjects, and watch events.

WASHINGTON, January 6th.  
The House of Representatives has declined to sanction the vote of one hundred thousand dollars voted by the Senate for the purchase of breadstuffs to send to Russia.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Morrill, Chairman of the Finance Committee, vigorously criticized Mr. Stewart's Free Coinage Bill. He declared that in view of the enormous depreciation in the value of silver it would be impossible to maintain unlimited coinage, which would interfere with international silver contracts and would prove a national disaster. The Senate adjourned without taking any action on the bill.

The crop of wheat and other cereals in the United States is the largest one on record.

LONDON, January 7th.  
The warehouses in Liverpool are overstocked with American Cotton, the import of the last season being unprecedented.

WASHINGTON, January 7th.  
A Bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives exempting the import of jute from duty.

TEHRAN, January 7th.  
The Persian Tobacco Corporation, owing to popular pressure, has been compelled to abandon its monopoly. No disturbances have occurred at Teheran since the palace troops fired on the people on Monday last; the troops, however, continue to patrol the streets.

BERLIN, January 7th.  
Doctor Pfeiffer states that the bacillus he has discovered is of a distinct species, and is found in bronchial secretion in every case of influenza; never in other complaints. He believes that infection is communicated through the sputum.

Doctor Caron has also discovered in blood of patients suffering from influenza a bacillus identical to that found by Dr. Pfeiffer.

CAIRO, January 7th.  
The Khedive's sons, who are at Vienna, have been summoned to return immediately to Cairo.

CALCUTTA, January 7th.  
A trooper of the Body Guard has been arrested for stealing a quantity of valuable jewellery from Lady Lansdowne's apartments at Government House. The jewellery was recovered.

A new emigration field for India is likely to be shortly opened out in South Australia, and the appointment of a protector of immigrants is likely to be sanctioned by the Colonial Government.

The Bank of Madras declares a dividend at the rate of 7 per cent, and carries forward 32,000 rupees.

The Bank of Bombay declares a dividend of ten per cent, with Rs. 1,31,000 carried forward to reserve.

LONDON, January 8th.  
The papers are unanimous in deploring the death of the Khedive, and dwell upon his loyalty and good faith to England.

The Times says the death of Mahomed Tewfik precludes all thoughts of the evacuation of Egypt by Great Britain, as his son Prince Abbas is unable to stand alone without the risk of a dangerous reaction and a expulsion of the British element in the country. The presence of the British troops, the Times adds, will influence and assure the peaceful accession of Prince Abbas and the stability of his Government.

A Frenchman, an Englishman and a woman have been arrested at Walsall on suspicion of being concerned in the manufacture of bombs. A subsequent search by the authorities of premises of the local Socialist Club satisfied the police of the existence of a dangerous conspiracy. Another arrest has also been made in London of a man who is supposed to be an accomplice of the Walsall prisoners, and in whose possession was found a suspicious fluid.

ALLAHABAD, January 8th.  
The Viceroy has received a message from England conveying the congratulations of the Queen to the officers and men of the Punjab (North Cashmere) Field Force, on the success which has attended their operations. This has been made known to the Cashmere Durbar and to the British Agent at Gilgit.

Said Ali Khan and Uir Khan, leaders in the opposition to the British forces, fugitives from justice, have not yet been captured. Their retirement from the hills they willfully fired several times, destroying the food which the villagers had stored up for the winter.

Captain Townshend, Central India, has been appointed military Governor of Hunza pending further arrangements for the government of the State.

The people are loud in expressing their gratitude for the leniency shown towards them, once the fighting was over.

Captain John MacKenzie has sent a small column from Hunza to work up the valley to Gilgit and Passu on the route to the Kilik Pass. In this way even the most remote villages will be impressed with the military force at the disposal of the Gilgit Agency.

PARIS, January 8th.  
The French papers comment variously upon the death of Tewfik Pasha, the Khedive. The majority of them anticipate that Lord Salisbury will profit by the youth of Prince Abbas to deter indefinitely the evacuation of Egypt. Others contend that France must seize the present occasion to reopen the whole Egyptian question.

BERLIN, January 8th.  
The German papers referring to the death of the Khedive acquiesce in the probability of prolonged occupation of Egypt by Great Britain.

### LOSS OF A TUG-BOAT AND SEVERAL LIVES IN CORA.

The Nagasaki correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury writes under date the 17th instant:—

"News has just been received from Corea, concerning a shipping disaster, which occurred in the Yellow Sea on New Year's Eve, about the same time when the German steamer *Maria* foundered off Choo-do, and with nearly the same disastrous result, as far as loss of life is concerned. It seems that a small Japanese tug-boat, the *Ono Maru*,

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had been employed for some time towing cargo-boats up and down the river, on the Japanese account. On the 31st December she experienced the terrific storm which burst over Fusan. She had three cargo-boats in tow, and was entering the bay from the river. A couple of seas were reported to have broken over the tug, swamping her completely, after which she foundered, along with one of the boats in tow. The remaining two boats were driven on to the beach by the fury of the storm, and were dashed to pieces among the breakers; only one man out of the four crews was saved; he had clung to a plank, and so made good his escape. The raging sea must have been very violent, because most Japanese are expert swimmers; but out of the crew of eight on board the *Ono Maru* not one survived to tell the terrible tale.

The occurrence took place at night and was not observed from the shore. Very probably the tug, which is stated to have been of about 10 tons carrying capacity, was deeply overladen, besides towing the three boats, and what might have been undertaken with perfect safety in the smooth water of the river, caused a catastrophe in the bay. On the same occasion several junk and native craft were wrecked in the bay, a number of Korean lives were lost, and considerable property was destroyed.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

Five male prisoners were executed and one female prisoner suffered death by the lingering process, for murdering her husband, at Soochow on the 13th instant.

In Ningpo two fires occurred at the same time on the night of the 13th instant. The whole city was in an uproar and the firemen had to exert themselves to their utmost before the progress of the flames could be arrested.

While a Manchu official of the Chinkiang garrison camp was looking over his premises one night, very late, he found some sparks of fire in the courtyard. He extinguished them and retired to rest. Next morning he discovered that the sparks were from a burning fuse attached to a large package of gunpowder which some malicious person had placed in the courtyard with the intention of blowing up the building. The matter was reported, but up to the present no trace of the miscreant has been found.

The Nanking correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes as follows:—Li Hung, son of the late General Li Shue-chung, who is under arrest on a charge of being implicated in the doings of a secret society, as already reported, is at present confined in the military command. Tired of a life he resigned his commission and lived a retired life in Nanking on his patrimony, which is considerable. Wan Sung-tung, a Yangchow man, was charged with being a member of the Koloao Society. He was sent to Nanking and when about to suffer capital punishment for his crime, denied that his name was on the list of members, but said he knew those members he had served and that he would willingly give evidence for the Government. During his examination Wan stated that Li Hung was one of the chief leaders; and this charge he reiterated. On the strength of this accusation Li Hung entered the city gates as a prisoner, closely guarded. The day following Li Hung's arrival, the Nanking Provincial Treasurer assembled several expectant Taoists in full dress in the court of the Examination Hall and placed Li Hung among them. Wan Sung-tung was summoned and asked whether he knew Li Hung personally. He replied in the affirmative, adding that he had served Li Hung for many years. After being warned of the consequences of a mistake, Wan was confronted with the assembled Taoists and requested to point out Li Hung. After searching long and hard, Wan said the accused was not among them. Whereupon Li Hung stepped out of the ranks and asked whether he recognized him. The answer was in the negative, and Li Hung cried out, "I am he whom you accuse, Li Hung in person." Wan was astounded, hung his head in silence and muttered an excuse. The Provincial Treasurer ordered Wan Sung-tung to be placed in irons, and reported the proceedings to the Viceroy.

CHEFOO.

(From Shanghai Mercury Correspondent.)

January 17th.

Nothing very startling has occurred since my last letter, except that the steamer *Yuping*, Captain Watts, which left four days ago for Tongku, got at least as far as Tsuku, discharged all her passengers, mails and cargo, and left Tsuku for here on the following day. She is now here, as usual for Shanghai. To reach a steamer to Tsuku in the middle of January is a feat never accomplished before, and nobody, without the practical knowledge of the place, like the company of the *Yuping*, could have accomplished it. Captain Watts had many years' experience as a local Tientsin pilot, until he became manager of the Tsuku and Lighter Company, and afterwards of the rival tug company, and is now the Commodore Captain of the Chinese Mining and Engineering Company's fleet of "Ping" steamers, of which the *Yuping* is the largest.

I learn from Tsuku that Captain W. Watts, of the Imperial Arsenal and Dock in Tsuku, is very ill, two doctors attending on him, one of whom is from the U.S. gunboat *Palos*, which never reached Tientsin, but had to stay at Tsuku.

Tientsin is gay with paper-burns, and all that sort of thing, and hardly a soul there or at Tsuku bothers his head about the "rebellion" which indeed seems to be a thing of the past. Everybody is well at Tsuku, as far as I can learn, except poor Grant, so well and favorably known all over North China; it is generally and feverishly hoped that his iron constitution will pull him through all right.

[The Editor of the *Shanghai Mercury* adds that it was reported in Shanghai on the 19th inst. that a telegram had been received announcing Capt. Grant's death.]

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No. 525.

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE POST AND MONEY ORDER OFFICES will be entirely CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, (CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY). The Night Box will be kept open. If the English Mail arrives on that day, the Post Office will be opened for delivery for ONE HOUR ONLY, but no letters will be sent out.

A. K. TRAVERS.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1892.

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By Order of the Court of Directors,

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1892.

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